Swiss National Bank statistics, Indian bank accounts in Switzerland totalled 915 million Swiss Francs in 1984, 894 million in 1985 and now 596 million and during the same period Indian fiduciary deposits with Swiss banks increased by 588 million to 1610 million Swiss Francs;

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto and how the increase in fiduciary deposits by 588 million Swiss Francs is explained; and

(c) whether the Indian account-holders, so involved, violated certain Indian laws; if so, which ones and what is the follow-up action being taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Certain reports have appeared referring to a study made by staff member of the IMF on non-resident bank deposits with Swiss banks. It has been indicated in this study that deposits from India amounted to SW. Fr. 788 million at the end of 1979, 862 million at the end of 1980, 1069 million at the end of 1981, 1247 million at the end of 1982, 1586 million at the end of 1983, 1937 million at the end of 1984 and the data for the end of 1985 is not reported in the study.

Clandestine deposits arise mainly from various manipulations in exports and imports, illegal retention of commissions abroad, illicit traffic in drugs and the smuggling of Indian currency, etc.

However, it is difficult to obtain information regarding these deposits in view of the secrecy laws and general reluctance of the banks and institutions abroad to part with information relation to their clients. Every effort is being made to detect holding of illegal funds/assets abroad and as and when such cases come to Govt's notice, necessary action is initiated against the violators. Recently, a delegation headed by Shri A. Ghosh, Deputy Governor, RBI was deputed to Switzerland to obtain first hand information on the existing Swiss legal framework and procedures for obtaining information from Swiss Banks and to study the treaties/agreements entered into by Switzerland with other countries for mutual assistance in investigation of the criminal matters. Based on the recommnedations of the team, the Govt. is initiating steps to enter into a treaty for mutual assistance in criminal matters with Swiss authorities, and pending conclusion of such a treaty/agreement entering into a Memorandum of understanding with Swiss authorities for assistance in specific cases of Indians having accounts in Swiss Banks with funds obtained illegally.

(c) No person resident in India can keep accounts in Switzerland or any other country outside India without the prior permission of the RBI. If it is done, it would be a violation of of Section 8 of FERA, 1973.

दैनिक मजदूरी के आधार पर नियुक्तियां

2982. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद : क्या प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्र सरकार के कार्यालयों तथा नगर निगम के कार्यालयों में दैनिक मजदूरी के आधार पर ऐसे लोगों को भारी संख्या में नौकरी दी गई है जो सरकारी नौकरियों के लिये निर्धारित आयु सीमा पार कर चुके हैं और कई वर्षों से दैनिक मजदूरी के आधार पर नौकरी जारी रखे हुए हैं और निर्धारित आयु सीमा पार कर चुकने के कारण उन्हें कभी स्थाई नहीं किया जाता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उनके मामलों में आयु सीमा में छूट देने के लिए नियम में कोई संशोधन किया है ; ताकि उन्हें स्थाई किया जा सके ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बीरेन सिंह इंगती) : (क) आकस्मिक/सामयिक/सविरामी स्वरूप के कार्य को निष्पादित

करने के उद्देश्य से व्यक्तियों को दिहाड़ी के आधार पर नियुक्त करने के लिए विभिन्न प्रशासनिक प्राधिकारी स्वत: ही सक्षम हैं। वे ऐसे नैमत्तिक कामगारों की सेवाएं समूह "घ" पदों पर नियमित करने के लिए भी सक्षम हैं बशर्ते कि वे प्रश्नाधीन पदों पर नियुक्ति के लिए पात्रता का मानदण्ड पूरा करते हों और उनके लिए उपयुक्त रिक्तियां भी उपलब्ध हों। दिहाड़ी के आधार पर व्यक्तियों की भर्ती तथा विभिन्न प्राधिकारियों द्वारा उनकी सेवाएं नियमित करने के संबंध में सूचना केन्द्रीयकृत रूप में मानीटर नहीं की जाती।

(ख) दिहाड़ी वाले कामगार को समूह "घ" पद पर उसकी सेवा नियमित किए जाने की तारीख को निर्धारित अधिकतम आयु सीमा के भीतर होना चाहिये। इस प्रयोजन के लिए दिहाड़ी वाले कामगार के रूप में उसके द्वारा बिताई गयी अवधि वास्तविक आयु में से घटा दी जाती है। किन्तु 21-3-79 से पहले भर्ती किए गये दिहाड़ी वाले कामगारों की आयु सीमा की शर्त से छूट दी गई थी।

Persons living below poverty line

2983. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons identified living below the poverty line in the State of Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam at the end of Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the number of persons brought above the poverty line in these States during the Sixth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHIR SUKH RAM): (a) The latest State-wise estimates of persons below poverty line are available for the year 1983-84. These are based on the 38th Round data of National Sample Survey Organisation on Household Consumer Expenditure. The table below gives information regarding the number of persons living below poverty line in the States of Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of persons living below the poverty line (in lakhs)
1	Orissa	118.1
2	Bihar	365.5
3	West Bengal	225.1
4	Assam	49.8

(b) Since the population in the States over the period has been increasing, the number of persons brought above the poverty line can be inferred by locking at the change in the percentage of persons below poverty line as shown in the table below:—

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Percentage of people living below poverty line 1977-78	1983-84
1	Orissa	65.1	42.8
2	Bihar	56.3	49.5
3	West Bengal	52.2	39.2
4	Assam	47.3	23.5

Fairfax Group engaged by Government

2984. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had insisted that it had nothing to do with Fairfax, and that if any one had entered into any arrangement with Fairfax it was unauthorised; and